

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraphs from page 3, lines 1-19, with the following:

The invention provides, in its first aspect, a coin validator including;

a coin insertion opening;

a coin return opening;

structure defining a coin path from said coin insertion opening to said coin return opening, said coin path having a first side and a second side, said coin path further including a return region thereof that extends upstream from said coin return opening, wherein said structure includes a housing defining said first side of said coin path and a cover defining said second side of said coin path, said cover coupled to said housing at two or more mounting points;

means to detect and identify an object in a detection region of said coin path; and

gate means in said coin path between such detection region and said return region responsive to identification of said object to either divert said object from said coin path or constrain it to traverse said coin path to said coin return opening; and

means actuable to move said cover in a direction away from said first side of said coin path at said mounting points so as to widen substantially the whole of said coin path including said return region, whereby to facilitate clearance of jams in said coin path.

Please delete the paragraphs from page 3, line 20 - page 4, line 17, and replace with the following:

The invention therefore provides, in its second aspect, a coin validator including:

a coin insertion opening;

a coin return opening;

structure defining a coin path from said coin insertion opening to said coin return opening, said coin path having a first side and a second side, wherein said structure includes a housing defining said first side of said coin path and a cover defining said second side of said coin path coupled to said housing at two or more mounting points;

means to detect and identify an object in a detection region of said coin path, which means includes a pair of spaced opposed detect elements and an air gap in said coin path between said detect elements;

gate means in said coin path responsive to identification of said object to either divert said object from said coin path or constrain it to traverse said coin path to said coin return opening;

wherein said cover is actuatable to move said cover in a direction away from said first side of said coin path at said mounting points so as to widen at least a portion of said coin path including said air gap, whereby to facilitate clearance of jams in said coin path;

wherein said two or more mounting points comprise two or more parallel slots and respective pins co-operatively engageable with said slots; and

wherein said slots are formed as bent slots including first slot portions oriented to accurately define an air gap width at detection means whereby to latch said cover to hold said air gap substantially fixed.

Please delete the paragraph at page 4, lines 18-22.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 5-9 with the following:

Preferably, said cover remains substantially parallel to said housing, as it moves to widen the coin path. This arrangement may be achieved by attaching the moveable part of the structure, e.g. the door, by mounting means including four parallel slots and co-operating pins.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 10-15 with the following:

Preferably, said movement of said cover includes a first segment of movement in said front slot portions and a second segment of movement such that said detection means is disabled for said second segment of movement.

Please delete the paragraph at page 5, lines 16-17.